



153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Winter 2011

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

As we enjoyed a beautiful fall with mostly temperate weather, Mother Nature reminded us that winter was coming with a surprise snowfall in late October. This reminded me that as we prepare for winter, we enter a joyous time of year in Babylon Village.

The feeling and look of holiday magic are already in abundance as the old-fashioned lampposts have been decorated for the holidays, thanks to the Babylon Beautification Society. We are so fortunate to have this extremely active and generous group which each year supplies the trimming for the lampposts. We are also fortunate to have hundreds of caring residents and businesses who volunteer to decorate the lampposts. This public show of community spirit makes 'lamppost decorating' day, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, one of my personal favorites!

This coming weekend features some favorite seasonal events in the Village, all guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. Friday brings us the **Chamber of Commerce's Old Fashioned Village Christmas**. Stores stay open late offering treasures for family and friends for the holiday season. Remember to shop locally for all your holiday needs. On that same night, **Christmas at the Conklin House** takes place as the doors to this historical building open for the public to view the beautiful decorations. On Sunday, there is the annual **Tree Lighting** in Argyle Park followed by the **Wassail Bowl** at the Historical Society museum. Both of these events are hosted this year by the **Babylon Village Historical and Preservation Society**. The Calendar of Events on page three gives a full listing of upcoming activities.

Please pay heed to the safety precautions on page two regarding holiday candles and trees. These important reminders can keep you, your family and your home safe at this busy time of year.

We know that along with winter come ice and snow. I ask both residents and businesses to read the information in this newsletter regarding snow removal. By working together, we can keep our streets and sidewalks clear and safe for everyone.

At this time of year, it is important to remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces who are without the comfort of family and home during the holiday season. Keep them in your prayers as we await the safe return of each and every one.

On behalf of the Village Board - Kevin Muldowney, Alice Vanderveldt, Anthony Davida, and Debbie Basile - I wish you a joyous holiday and a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

HOLIDAY NIGHT OF SHOPPING



The **Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce** hosts their annual Old-Fashioned Village Christmas from 5-9 PM on **Friday, December 2**.

Our Village shops offer many wonderful treasures. Start the holidays off by bringing your family out to enjoy this festive evening mingling with friends, listening to holiday music playing throughout the business area, see Santa on his horse-drawn wagon, and support your local community merchants.

ALL THE HOLIDAY TRIMMINGS



Trustee **Alice Vanderveldt** reports that the **Babylon Historical Society**, in cooperation with the Village of Babylon, will be this year's host for the annual **tree lighting ceremony** at 4:00 PM on **Sunday, December 4** in Argyle Park. This family-oriented community event is a highlight for many, especially the children as they await the arrival of Santa Claus.

Also on December 4, the Historical Society invites the public to the annual **Wassail Bowl** from 3-5 PM at its building on Main Street to relive the Victorian tradition of visiting neighbors during the holiday season for a cup of warm mulled cider, or Wassail, and to exchange well wishes. A highlight of the event will be the drawing for a handmade full-size quilt, crafted by the Society's Heritage Quilters, titled "Centennial" commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Society's Museum building.

As winter approaches, please remember ...



- Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks at their homes.
- All parked vehicles must be moved from the streets in residential and business areas to enable snow plows to safely do their job. **Vehicle removal is the responsibility of residents.**
- **Businesses** are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their stores within 24 hours. This is important for the safety of your customers and employees.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE



Trustee **Debbie Basile** reports the Christmas activities at the Conklin House begin with the Holiday Cookie Contest on **Thursday, December 1**. Residents of all ages can submit their cookies in several categories, and distinguished community members serve as judges. To participate, please call Cindy Theiss at 587-6352 or Kathy Ruggieri at 669-2970, or register at the Babylon Public Library.

On Friday, December 2 from 6-9 PM celebrate **Christmas at the Conklin House**. Visitors can tour the lovely rooms which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays by community members. Light refreshments will be served including the delicious cookies from the cookie contest. The house will also be open for tours on Saturday, December 3 from 2-4 PM.

As always, we thank our wonderful committee of volunteers who donate their talents and time to make the Conklin House such a delightful holiday showcase.



COMING YOUR WAY ...

Watch your mail in late December for your **2012 SANITATION PICK-UP CALENDAR**



It was a dark and "spooktacular" night at the haunted Conklin House.

2011 AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE

A record number of people enjoyed this year's Apples and Art Festival the weekend of October 8. We especially thank our committee chairs Karen Petz and Larry Nye who planned the successful artist reception on Friday night, and festival chairperson, Margaret Rohl and her many volunteers, who ran the Apple Festival on Saturday.

A new Halloween event was offered in October and was a great success, thanks to the efforts of event chairperson Ginger Behrens. It started with family pumpkin carving aided by the volunteer help of the Girl Scout Juliettes, followed by readings of ghostly stories narrated by volunteer actors. It all ended with The Haunted Yard for those brave enough to pass through. Fun and laughter ensued amid the screaming, thanks to the efforts of DJ Barry, his wife Pam, and their crew as well as helpers from Babylon High School's football team and DECA students. It was so much fun, it's already on the calendar for next year. Be on the lookout the second Saturday of October, if you dare!

A variety of cultural events are being planned at The Conklin House throughout 2012, including a St. Patty's Day program and possibly another cooking demonstration and tasting. Please watch *The Beacon* for full details on these and more. If you'd like to be added to our "event alerts", call the Conklin House at 631-669-8164 and leave your name and email address.

Donations of old jeans and shirts for making scarecrows at the Apples & Art Festival are most appreciated and accepted throughout the year. Please call 631-669-8164 to donate.

Volunteer opportunities are available – from docents giving tours to helping with special events. If you are interested, please call 631-669-8164 or email us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com.



DON'T LEAF A MESS

Be considerate and don't blow or rake your leaves into the streets as they can cause street drains to clog leading to excessive flooding during rainy periods.

Residents are responsible for debris left in the street or at the curb by their landscaping companies, and all debris should be bagged and placed in your yard until your regular rubbish pick-up day.



PLEASE be watchful of children playing in leaf piles!



Time To Renew!

Homeowners should remind their landscapers to renew their permits for 2012. These permits expire on December 31 of each year.



VILLAGE GOLF COURSE

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports a very busy fall season for the Village golf course.

2012 marked the 8th year of the "Village Cup" tournament and on October 22, twenty local organizations competed for this prestigious award. The winning team was The Beautification Society represented by Ken Munson and Tim Rogers with a winning score of 61.

The "Malloy Cup", a competition of high school teams that use the course for practice, was won by Sayville High School. The tournament's individual winner was John Farese, also from Sayville High School, who shot a 25.

The Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition held their second annual Challengers competition in September, which proved to be another exciting and successful event. Close to one hundred golfers participated and a reception was held afterwards at Lily Flanagan's.

The Men's and Women's leagues closed out their seasons with Mary Alice Markham taking the women's champion title, and Steve Neary taking the men's title.

The Village course will remain open, weather permitting, through December. Gift certificates are available for the holidays. Stop by and take advantage of a "winter special" going on now: play 18 holes for the price of 9!

For all golfing information, please call the course office at 669-2340.



Congratulating the 2011 Village Cup winners.

Pictured from left: Village Trustee Kevin Muldowney, Ken Munson, Golf Pro and Course Manager Joe Malloy, Tim Rogers and Mayor Ralph Scordino.

Give The Gift of Golf

Perfect for the Holiday Season, gift certificates for the Village course can be purchased at the Village Clerk's Office or at the golf course.



GREEN COMMITTEE ADVISES ON E-WASTE

The Village's **Green Committee** is researching the issue of e-waste, an increasing concern in today's society. E-waste, as defined in very basic terms, is discarded electrical or electronic devices and "gadgets" such as computers, cell phones and household appliances. The concern regards the toxicity of substances contained in these devices such as lead, mercury and cadmium which are harmful to the environment.

The committee will be exploring safe ways to dispose of these unneeded items as they can also be a valuable resource for secondary raw materials. In the meantime, they advise that these should not be discarded with other rubbish on your scheduled pick-up days.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



Fire Chief Anthony Cardali reminds us to follow these holiday safety tips:

1. Always use candles with care. Never leave them unattended.
2. Select toys with safety in mind.
3. If displaying a fresh tree, remember to keep it watered daily.
4. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.
5. Inspect decorative lights for frayed wires or damage.
6. Follow the instruction manual when installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. Replace the batteries in those devices already in use.

Other winter safety tips to keep in mind are:

- Make sure your house number is visible in the dark. This is imperative for your safety in the event rescue or fire personnel need to find your location at night.
- Keep hydrants close to your home clear of debris and snow.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near your phone. Stickers can be obtained from the Chief's office after 7 PM.

The Officers and members of the Babylon Fire Department wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!



If you notice a Village streetlight not working, please call 669-1212 to report it for repair.

WINTER BERTHING

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reminds boaters that all boats in Village berths are to be out of the water by December 1 and all lines removed from the poles, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program during the winter months. Winter berths, open to Village residents and non-residents as well, are still available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. If interested, please call the Village Clerk's office at 669-1500.

SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS

Starting February 21, the Village will be accepting applications for summer employment. Employment opportunities are available at the Village Pool, Parks and Recreation Department, the Highway Department and clerical positions in Village Hall. Applicants should be at least 16 years old. Applications will be accepted for residents 15 years old for use only if additional students are needed. For more information, call the Mayor's Office at 669-1212.



SEASONAL SAFETY TIPS

- Be watchful of strangers in your area and report anyone suspicious walking or driving slowly through your area to the Suffolk County Police.
- Make sure all curbs, gutters and street drains are clear of debris (leaves, litter, etc.) to allow rain and snow melt to drain freely and reduce flooding. **Residents can help by clearing drains or calling the Village Highway Department at 669-4878 to report a drain that needs to be cleared.**
- Homeowners should check their sump pumps periodically to make sure they stay in good working order.
- If your furnace goes out for any reason, please remember to call a professional to have it repaired or restarted. This will keep both you and your home safe.
- Please shovel a path to your garbage pails as well as your mailbox when it snows.

NOTES FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Inspector Stephen Fellman reminds residents of the following regulations:

- Temporary storage of boats in residential areas is allowed from November 1 through April 1 only.
- Boats must not be placed in the front yard setback.
- Boats must be emptied of gasoline and combustibles during the storage period.
- Pools and driveways may not be drained in the street.
- Changes to driveways need Planning Board approval.

Village businesses are reminded that New York State Code requires that all commercial properties be **inspected by the Village's Building Department every three years.**

If you have questions about any Building Department issues, please call 669-1300, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Babylon Village CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1	Cookie Contest at the Conklin House
December 2	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Village Christmas
December 2	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 3	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 4	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 4	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society
December 4	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
December 20	Chanukah Candle Lighting
December 26*	Christmas Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
December 30	Last date to file Veterans and Senior Exemptions
January 2*	New Year's Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
January 16*	Martin Luther King's Birthday (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
February 20*	Presidents' Day (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
April 6	Good Friday (<i>Village Hall closes at 12:00 noon</i>)

* **NO garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When rubbish or recycling collection falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call 669-4878, Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



Mayor Ralph A. Scordino



Trustee Kevin Muldowney



Trustee Alice Vanderveldt



Trustee Anthony Davida



Trustee Debbie Basile



Justice John Rafter



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Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7 AM - 4 PM

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669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	587-7707	Village Pool (Summer)
669-1300	Assessor	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House
669-4878	Parks Dept.		

Police911

Fire & Rescue 911 or 226-1212

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